

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian  
Advisory Committee**



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Date: Thursday, October 10, 2013  
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Les Lyle Conference Room  
Wells Fargo Building, 99 E. Broadway  
Eugene, OR 97401

**BPAC Members in Attendance:** Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Briana Orr, Judi Horstmann, Susan Stumpf, Janet Lewis; Jim Patterson, David Gizara, Allen Hancock, Holly McRae, Sasha Luftig, Edem Gomez, Joel Krestik

**BPAC Members Absent:** Jeff Lange

**Staff in Attendance:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Tom Larsen, Lindsay Selser, Rob Inerfeld, John Evans, Tom Schwetz

**Members of the Public:** Eliza Kashinsky, Josh Kashinsky, David Sonnichsen, Vicky Mello

**Notes**

**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approve September 12, 2013 Meeting Summary Notes**

Approved

**4. LTD's Long Range Transit Plan and West Eugene EmX Project**

*Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback*

Sasha Luftig and Tom Schwetz from LTD presented on the transit plan and West EmX project. John Evans presented a status update on West EmX.

Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP)

- Project web site:  
<http://www.ltd.org/search/showresult.html?versionthread=945abdf09a36086444562d14048cd61d>
- Provides opportunity to create a vision for the future. 20-year timeframe.
- Cities of Eugene and Springfield developing separate TSPs, LTD wants to develop one unified plan for the service district.
- A handout was distributed "Strategic Issues and Goals". 6 total goals.

- Plan recognizes that every transit rider is a pedestrian and there are pedestrian facility implications to transit development.
- Public Hearing is Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at LTD offices in Glenwood. Public record is open until November 1<sup>st</sup> (to submit comments).

#### West Eugene EmX Project

- weemx.ltd.org
- LTD is currently in the technical design phase of the West EmX corridor. Process includes public charrettes and engineering studies.
- Trying to reduce property impacts.
- Focus on provided bicycle and pedestrian connections. For example, there are several bridges that connect the Fern Ridge Path to the West EmX line.
- Why West EmX? Lots of employment and industrial centers near this corridor.
- Pedestrian amenities will be context sensitive. New sidewalks will fill in the gaps in the pedestrian network. Also looking at removing barriers from the pedestrian zone (utility poles, etc.); also want to develop street trees and setback sidewalks where possible.
- Bicycle improvements will include bridges across Amazon Creek and secure bicycle parking facilities near transit stops. Enhanced lighting is part of the package.
- Will West 11<sup>th</sup> get all new sidewalks or mostly infill? There will be places where existing sidewalks will be untouched, but only in areas where no transit construction will occur. All gaps will be addressed in some way.
- Setback sidewalks so that a planter strip can be installed. Let's not narrow the sidewalks too much because cyclists are likely to use them.
- Commerce Connector: why not included? City of Eugene will apply for ConnectOregonV grant to fund the bridge. Timeline? Could be built by the time EmX opens. Should BPAC write a support letter? Motion to write a letter in support of Commerce Connector Bridge application (McRae). Second (Gizarra). Motion passes. Holly will write.
- Are the two bridges proposed for emergency services vehicles? No, not designed for EMS but will allow a city utility vehicle. BPAC would like consistency about how bridges are built (whether it needs to support a fire engine or not). In this case, it seems that level of engineering is not required. Please look into whether Commerce Connector will be required to support a fire engine.

#### **5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Priorities**

Reed Dunbar presented the PBMP Prioritization. Wants to approve the document.

- Judi submitted comments. Won't impact approval.

- Motion to approve PBMP Prioritization (Luftig). Second (Bade). Motion passes, one neutral vote (Hancock; hasn't had time to review all of the projects.)
- Thought document was user-friendly.
- Keep us in the loop when projects move from the list to the project phase.

## 6. South Willamette Street Implementation Plan Advocacy

- Judi; language cannot include "liaison" because that has a city definition. BPAC is a departmental advisory committee. Suggests we are a concerned citizen but not a liaison. We can say that BPAC voted for option 3, but need to be clear that we are speaking as individuals.
- Joel: we can write as concerned citizens to Councilors outside of our ward. Last Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting discussed contacting city councilors. Like letter writing (esp. if you're a constituent). Four wards are not represented by current BPAC members. Can we get volunteers to adopt another Ward and explain what the benefits are to the home Ward. #4, 5, 7, and 8 are unrepresented.
- Discussion:
  - Steve volunteered to write to Claire Syrett
  - Joel will write to George Poling
  - David has written to Clark. Wants us to think about how neighborhoods that don't have high bicycle use might be related to lack of investment in bicycle facilities in those neighborhoods.
  - Holly recommends that we reach out to friends who live in other areas of the city and provide talking points as necessary.
  - Janet will write to Mike Clark.
  - Jim wants to know where to put his efforts next. Talked and phoned a number of individuals. Are business owners worth talking to? Seems like they've made up their minds.
  - Judi thinks there is some misinformation that is shaping some business opinions. City has agreed to fund an economic impact analysis (EcoNorthwest) to get at an answer to "how would a lane conversion affect my business". Thinks councilors who have not weighed in are trying to appear impartial.
  - Allen asked if the study would be done before Council work session. The Council work session could be delayed so it is available.
  - Sasha is concerned that a West EmX type turnout at the hearing could impact the decision (West EmX hearing was overwhelming pro, but last speakers were con, think it had impact)

- Joel thinks we should divide responsibilities for attending city council meetings. Holly thinks members should attend and remind council that BPAC selected Option 3.
- Rob Inerfeld stated that establishing relationships with Councilors should be a priority and would have a longer lasting benefit.
- Jim says use caution when identifying yourself as a BPAC member because some councilors may dismiss you by affiliation.
- David says it's worth attending the hearings because it is impactful. Keep the volume turned up. Tell them your story. Don't assume they don't like BPAC.
- Susan, but it's hard to listen to someone who self identifies as something (like "BPAC"). Use discretion.
- Holly's goal is to get 5 people in her neighborhood to attend council meetings.
- Joel mentioned that Option 3 is also the safer option for drivers.
- Sasha reminded everyone that the project won't occur for 5 years, so conditions may change (if business is tough now, it could change); also the street will be reconstructed no matter what.

## **7. Project Updates**

### Action Requested: Information Share

- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Striping is being finalized
- Blair/Van Buren
  - Project is complete
- 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Striping is being finalized
  - Please add crosswalk north side of Friendly intersections
- 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at University.
  - Want buy-in from police department
  - Develop educational materials, please
  - Reed will develop a proposal to identify which projects might drop off the 2014 Pavement Bond Measure list so that this project can be funded.
  - Can bikes get an actuator? You could, but the street aspect complicates the crossing, it's really about the crosswalk.
  - Want sidewalk access ramps that accommodate bicycle movements (can reach the actuator; not right angles)
  - School speed zone? Not currently the city's recommendation that 20mph flashing school zone is installed in this location. Ongoing discussion.
- Willamette Street Pavement
  - Striping next week

- Coburg Road at Harlow
  - Green colorant was added
- Pearl @ 19<sup>th</sup>
  - EWEB water main break is complicating schedule; try to add green colorant this year
- Alder Street, 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
  - Project is complete
- Broadway/10<sup>th</sup>/Olive
  - Final striping is being finalized
- Code updates/process
  - Sidewalk biking exclusion zone: expand zone
    - Working with EPD to work through issues
  - Skateboard updates
  - Open House on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss
- 2014 projects: 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Monroe street
  - Upcoming meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6p at the Eugene Faith Center (13<sup>th</sup> Avenue); Monroe likely to be scheduled at the Whiteaker Lane County Headstart
- 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Corridor
  - Trying to schedule a meeting for November
- Strategic Plan Open house
  - Meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup>; please attend

#### **8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Recruitment Update**

Bylaws recommend 10-15 BPAC members. We'll be down to 9 at the end of the year. Staff will send out notice of application to previous applicants and our listserves. We are trying to recruit a diverse committee.

- Sasha, Can we ask city councilors in wards that are unrepresented on BPAC to recommend applicants
- Holly, would rather the meeting ran longer than to loose members (make a smaller committee)
- David, end a discussion with city councilors with a question about recruiting members from their district
- Janet, did you send us the application? Lee, yes.

#### **9. Information Share**

- ConnectOregonV Grants:
  - \$42M available statewide. COE will apply for a bridge from Fern Ridge Path to Commerce Street (see West EmX discussion)
- Safety Committee seeks input on pedestrian-bicycle issues at construction sites (please provide input)

#### **10. Adjourn**